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SUBJECT: PEACE CORPS COUNTRY DIRECTOR

REF: KABUL 6590

1. PEACE CORPS IS MAKING HASTE SLOWLY IN SELECTING A NEW COUNTRY DIRECTOR FOR AFGHANISTAN. ANDREWS INTERVIEWED FIRST GROUP OF CANDIDATES PROPOSED BY PEACE CORPS PERSONNEL WITHOUT FINDING ANYONE ACCEPTABLE. HE HAS ASKED THEM TO COME UP WITH ADDITIONAL NOMINEES.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT EDGELL IS "FREE TO ENTER COMPETITION" FOR THE POSITION AND TO OFFER HIMSELF FOR INTERVIEW PROCESS. HOWEVER, ANDREWS REPORTEDLY DOES NOT REPEAT NOT WANT TO PROMOTE HIM INTO DIRECTOR'S POSITION AND HIS CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING IN THE COMPETITION DO NOT REPEAT NOT APPEAR OVERLY PROMISING.

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3. ANDREWS IS CURRENTLY OUT OF TOWN AT A PRETRAINING IN-

DOCTRINATION PROGRAM FOR INCOMING PCV'S. HE WILL BE BACK
IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK FOR A FEW DAYS BEFORE DEPARTING ON
A MONTH-LONG TRIP OVERSEAS. IF PEACE CORPS PERSONNEL FAILS
TO IDENTIFY AN ACCEPTABLE CANDIDATE FOR ANDREWS TO INTER-
VIEW EARLY NEXT WEEK, SITUATION COULD REMAIN IN LIMBO FOR

AN EXTENDED PERIOD. IN THAT CASE, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT
EDGELL COULD WIN THE JOB BY DEFAULT. KISSINGER

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